

THE POST.

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The Farmers and the War.

Our moral feelings rise up against the unhallowed ambition that, for as flimsy a pretext as was ever made, plunges half of Europe into smoke and blood. In some respects the war will benefit us, but probably not in an important and lasting sense. It has already raised the price of wheat, and may carry it still higher. Corn also, of which we are growing an immense crop this year, will be quoted at a dollar and over. Gold however may go up at about the same pace, so that important goods may cost the farmer nearly as much as now; but the ultimate effect will be to make the rich in Europe feel that no investment is safe for them as American bonds.

Much depends on the duration of the war. If it is to be short it will make a sudden and sharp demand for flour, oats, leather, iron and wool.—Hence it is risking too much for the farmer to hold his grain, expecting a long contest and two dollars for wheat.

As the cultivation of countries increases, as roads become hard and wide, as railroads cover the face of the country, and the rivers are spanned by bridges, wars will become brief and bloody; the question of strength and spirit can be tested at once. But in a wild, undeveloped country of bad roads and poor bridges, it is more a question of horse flesh and sheer endurance. This transatlantic war is waged in a country that was prosperous and cultivated in the days of Charlemagne. Much of the land is held at from two hundred to five hundred dollars an acre. The strife now raging resembles war between Illinois and Indiana for that part of Indiana west of the Wabash, or between Pennsylvania and Virginia for the Shenandoah Valley. The territorial question is simple and the war is a struggle between two strong men to see which has the tighter grip.

All the probabilities now look toward a contest short, sharp and decisive, and our advice to the farmers of this country is to thresh out their grain and push it forward as fast as the cities and the railroads can handle it. Three weeks ago, when Mr. Dodge made his report, there was some prospects of a scant crop. Many parts of the West had suffered for want of rain; but the hot, moist weather since the 20th of June has pushed forward the crops everywhere, and Chicago and Milwaukee are preparing for a full crop of wheat and a large crop of corn. In fact nothing but this European war could have arrested the downward tendency of bread-stuffs, and it is not safe to calculate on the duration of a struggle in which every precedent points toward a contest hot, bloody, and brief.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

Governors of Pennsylvania.

From the adoption of the Constitution until the present time, the following persons have filled the Executive chair of State:

- Thomas Mifflin was elected in 1779, and served nine years.
- Thomas M'Kean was elected in 1799, and served nine years.
- Simon Snyder was elected in 1808, and served nine years.
- William Findley was elected in 1817, and served three years.
- Joseph Heister was elected in 1820, and served three years.
- J. Andrew Schulz was elected in 1823, and served six years.
- George Wolf was elected in 1829, and served six years.
- Joseph Ritner was elected in 1835, and served three years.
- David R. Porter was elected in 1838, and served six years.
- Francis R. Shunk was elected in 1844, and served three years and six months.
- At the death of Governor Shunk Wm. Johnson, then Speaker of the Senate, became Governor until the January following. However, at the election held October, 1848, Wm. E. Johnson was elected and served three years.
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- William F. Packer was elected in 1857, and served three years.
- Andrew G. Curtin was elected in 1860, and served six years.
- John W. Geary was elected in 1863, and again in 1869, and will, if he lives, serve six years.

THE CHAMPION WHITTLER.—A man in Pierce county, Wisconsin, has made a singular piece of work. Front a piece of pine board twenty-two inches long, four inches wide and seven-eighths of an inch in thickness, he has whittled seven pairs of dentists' forceps, three pairs of pliers, six pairs of blacksmith tongs, one pair of horse shoe pincers, one twisted link chain with swivel, one straight link chain, a horse to a stall, and two balls in a box.—In all forty-seven distinct joints, all of which are connected and play with the utmost freedom. When closed up, this singular piece of work is the size of the board above described; but when open or spread out for exhibition, it covers a space about two feet square. He was occupied upon this work six weeks.

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COURT PROCLAMATION.

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Note: I therefore hereby give to the Coroner, Justice of the Peace and Constable in as far as the county of Snyder, to appear in their proper persons with their rolls, records, inquisition examinations, and other remembrances to do those things which of their offices and in their behalf, pertain to be done and witness and persons prosecuting in behalf of the Commonwealth against any person or persons are required to be there and then attending and not departing without leave at their peril. Justices are requested to be punctual in their attendance at the appointed time agreeably to notice.

MARY A. HALTEMAN.
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